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REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 7, 2007. Claims 17-38, 41 and 42 were pending, with claims 1-16, 39, 40 and 43-45 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claims 17-38, 41 and 42 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter, and new claims 46-51 have been added. Accordingly, claims 17-38, 41, 42 and 46-51 are now pending, with claims 17-20, 41, 42 and 46-49 being in independent form.

Claims 17-38, 41 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Fujiwara (JP 63-131658) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,599 to Oba et al.

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 17-20, 41 and 42 as amended are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

The present application relates to a communication terminal device which can handle unwanted communications, while minimizing consumption of resources, and allows . Applicant devised an improved communication terminal device configured with a function of rejecting receipt of messages from communication partners who are not registered in a receipt-allowed communication partner registration table. In addition to rejecting the unwanted message from the communication partner not registered in the receipt-allowed communication partner registration table, communication control information is collected and stored in connection with each receipt-rejected message, as well as each receipt-allowed message. At a later time, a list can be created on the basis of selectively extracted communication control information. The list can show, for example, (i) only rejected communications from the receipt-rejected communication partner, (ii) all communications for which communication control information is

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stored, etc. The list includes, for each communication identified in the list, date and time of the communication. Each of independent claims 17-20, 41 and 42 addresses these features, as well as additional features.

Fujiwara, as understood by applicant, proposes a facsimile incoming call refusal system that includes a memory 11 that stores telephone numbers and for each telephone number the frequency of incoming/received calls from the number, and a memory area 11-1 storing an incoming call rejection list, in which each entry in the list includes a telephone number, a date and a time of a corresponding incoming call that was rejected.

The system proposed by Fujiwara is not configured to store both normal communication control information and receipt-rejected communication control information in a communication control information storage medium, selectively extract one of (i) both the normal communication control information and the receipt-rejected communication control information from the communication control information storage medium and (ii) only the receipt-rejected communication control information from the communication control information storage medium, and creating a list on the basis of the selectively extracted communication control information from the communication control information storage medium, wherein the list includes for each communication identified in the list, date and time of the communication, as provided by the subject matter of claim 17 of the present application.

Instead, Fujiwara proposes maintaining two separate memory areas, one (area 11-1) for rejected communications and the other (11) for telephone numbers from which incoming communications have been received (that is, not rejected).

In addition, the memory area 11 in the system proposed by Fujiwara does not store communication control information (such as date and time) for each communication.

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Oba, as understood by applicant, proposes a facsimile apparatus configured with an image memory for storing image information from a document scanner or from a personal computer, and then transmitting the image information to another facsimile apparatus. The facsimile apparatus is further configured to store information indicating a result of transmission. The stored information is utilized to generate a communication management report.

However, Oba, like Fujiwara, does not teach or suggest selectively extracting one of (i) both the normal communication control information and the receipt-rejected communication control information from the communication control information storage medium and (ii) only the receipt-rejected communication control information from the communication control information storage medium, and creating a list on the basis of the selectively extracted communication control information from the communication control information storage medium, wherein the list includes for each communication identified in the list, date and time of the communication, as provided by the subject matter of claim 17 of the present application. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 17 is allowable over the cited art.

Independent claims 18-20, 41 and 42 are patentably distinct from the cited art for at least similar reasons.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 17-20, 41 and 42 are patentable over the cited art. Likewise, new independent claims 46-49 are allowable over the cited art.

New independent claims 46-49, and the claims depending therefrom, are submitted to be allowable also for the reasons that the cited art does not teach or suggest that the displayed list of the selectively extracted communication control information includes, for each communication identified in the list, exchange mode information

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In view of the remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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